

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and allowance of all pending claims herein are requested.

The present amendment follows receipt of the November 18, 2010 Notice of Allowance and is being filed concurrently with a formal Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114. Accordingly reopening of prosecution for the subject application so as to allow entry and consideration of the amendments presented herewith is believed to be in order.

Pending claim 30 has been recast in independent form by amendment to include therein the subject matter of claims 25 and 29 from which it had previously depended. Thus, the amended version of claim 30 is substantively identical to its previous version (i.e., since it includes the subject matter of claims 25 and 29) but of course is now in independent format. As such, the allowability of claim 30 as well as all other pending claims here remains unchanged.

The applicants have also taken this opportunity to revise the preamble expressions for the dependent claims in the manner noted. In addition, claims 34 and 35 (and hence claim 36) have been rendered multiply dependent from claim 29 or 30.

Therefore, since the present amendment merely changes the form (not substance) of previously allowed claims, the early issuance of a further Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order. Such favorable action is solicited.

Should any small matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney so that the same may be resolved without the need for an additional written action and reply.

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Fee Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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